Incorrect Addresses on Call Letters

†278. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the candidates qualifying Kolkata Railway examination have been deprived of jobs due to carelessness of the Railway Recruitment Board as the call letters sent to them did not bear the correct address;

(b) whether the candidates would be recalled after sorting the incomplete addresses on all the call letters laying in the post offices;

(c) whether he is contemplating to conduct an inquiry against the persons responsible for this negligence;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No candidate qualifying Railway Recruitment Board, Kolkata examination has been deprived of job due to carelessness of the Railway Recruitment Board for sending call letter to him not bearing the correct address.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Candidates' addresses on the call letters after qualifying the examination, for next stage of recruitment, are the same on which they are called by Railway Recruitment Board for appearing in the written examination unless requested for change by the candidates themselves.

Gauge conversion of Dangori-Saikhuwa Section

*279. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the implemention status of Bogibeel bridge project including construction of protection dyke, approach and service road, sector-wise;

(b) commission schedule envisaged and budgetary provisions made, sector-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Ministry is considering the gauge conversion of Dangori-Saikhuwa Section of N.F. Railway in Tinsukia district of Assam; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition, supply of boulders has been taken up. The work of approach road to bridge site on both North and South banks are in advanced stage of completion. Earthwork, minor and major bridges for Railway embankment has been taken up for North and South bank and also Moranhat-Dhamalgaon rail link. The strengthening and repair of flood dykes is in progress on South bank. An outlay of Rs. 60 crore has been provided for the project during 2003-04. The project is targeted for completion by April 2008.

(c) No. Sir. There is no rail line beyond Dangari.

(d) Does not arise.

Law to protect traditional knowledge and thought

*280. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to enact a *sui generis* law to protect its traditional knowledge and thought;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Government has constituted for this purpose, an Inter- Ministerial Committee on Protection of Rights of the holders of Indigenous Knowledge. Appropriate action will be taken after receipt of the report of the aforesaid committee.